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1. Prior to early 1952, the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werder was the only agency to place orders for air force construction projects. On 1 March 1952, this procedure was changed inasmuch as Werder only retained the responsibility for military construction projects. Thus for instance the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werder drew up plans for the roads to the bomb and fuel dumps at Brand airfield, but not the plans for the roads required for the housing project and the motor vehicle garages. The Soviet construction headquarters laid down the technical specifications for the buildings, oil storage sheds and the laboratory of the fuel depot besides. A German Underground Construction Department, the designation of which was not determined, but which was previously referred to as "German Central Headquarters for the Construction of Airfields" was established at 138 Eisenbahn Strasse, Werder. Among others, graduate engineer Eriesbach (fnu) was assigned to this department. In late August 1952, Herr Sobus (fnu), formerly technical manager of the Paunion Dresden, was transferred to the main administration for the building industry and charged with the execution of special missions relating to air force construction projects.

From the Underground Construction Department in Berlin, was employed at  
Brewitz airfield. [redacted] a German inspector, who came

2. On 1 March 1952, all above-ground construction work at Brand, Cottbus and  
Welzow airfields was placed under the responsibility of the Kech, which  
shared one building with the VEB Special Construction Bureau in Luckenwalde.  
The above-ground construction projects included in the 1952 construction  
program were withdrawn from the Bauunion Berlin (for Brand airfield) and the  
Bauunion Dresden (for Welzow airfield) and transferred to the Kech in  
Luckenwalde, which was formerly located in Tursdorf. The Kech in Luckenwalde  
settled its accounts with the Kwartiro-eksplo tatsionny odel (KEO) in  
Potsdam.<sup>2</sup>
3. The previous Central Construction Bureau at 134 Eisenbahn Strasse, Werder,  
whose chief was engineer Weber (fm), was redesignated "VEB Special Construction  
Bureau Werder". It was on the same level as its counterpart in Luckenwalde.  
Attached to the VEB Special Construction Bureau in Werder was the Kech office  
in Werder which was headed by an air force lieutenant colonel (Kech).<sup>3</sup>

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4. Prior to early 1952, construction materials were furnished by the materiel department of the main administration for the building industry. After 1 October 1952, the Soviet air force construction headquarters in Werdor and the Kech agencies employed for above-ground construction work issued so-called "naryady" (orders) for major airfield construction projects. On presentation of these naryady, the Zentrale Baustoff Beschaffungs Kontor (Central Construction Material Procurement Bureau) (ZBK) furnished the construction material listed on the naryady.

5. On 1 October, the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters was located at Werdor airfield. Negotiations with German construction agencies were conducted at 137 Eisenbahn Strasse. Officers attached to the Soviet construction headquarters included:

Chief	Colonel Terechenko (fnu)
First deputy chief	Lieutenant Colonel Smirnov (fnu)
Second deputy chief	Major Ivshin (fnu)
Planning and contracts department.	(Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fnu)
	(Major Oelzhnik (fnu)
	(Captain Pshinichni (fnu)
Materiel procurement department	Major Chudakov (fnu)
In charge of Teltow airfield	Lieutenant Colonel Ghefshenkov (fnu)
In charge of Brand airfield	Major Mironenko (fnu)
In charge of Granienburg airfield	Captain Smirnov (fnu)

Except for Captain Pshinichni who was an air force reserve officer wearing gold-bordered blue epaulets, all the officers attached to the Soviet construction bureau wore silver-bordered blue epaulets.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The Underground Construction Department organized in Werdor in early March 1952 and previously referred to as German Central Headquarters for the Construction of Airfields, is identical with the German VP Air Force construction headquarters, which is now assigned to the construction department of the East German Ministry of the Interior. This air force construction headquarters is responsible for all VP airfield construction projects, which are executed by the Baununion based in Dresden. [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The Kech agencies are responsible for the planning and execution of above ground construction projects ordered by the Soviet Armed Forces. All these Kech agencies are subordinate to the KEO in Potsdam. The Kech agencies are attached to the German VEB special construction bureaus, which are subordinate to a construction bureau at 7 Pushkin Allee in Potsdam. The official title of this central construction bureau is Verwaltung Volkseigener Betriebe - Zentrale Sonderbauwerken (VVB-ZSBB). The VVB - ZSBB is assigned to the Main Administration for Special Construction Projects of the East German Ministry for Reconstruction. Of a total of 22 VEB special construction bureaus, the construction bureaus in Werdor, Neuruppin and Kittenberg are charged with the execution of Soviet Air Force construction projects. It is believed that the special construction bureau in Luckenwalde participated in above-ground construction work at Brand and Teltow airfields because it happened to have construction workers available.

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3. [ ] Comment. The VEB special construction bureau in Werdor is not identical with the German VP air force construction headquarters, which moved in the meantime to Berlin and is headed by Arnold Przygoda. The VEB special construction bureau in Werdor which formerly functioned as a central construction bureau was charged with much more comprehensive responsibilities. It is believed that part of these responsibilities were taken over by the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werdor and presumably also by East German government agencies. It is believed that construction projects which were started a long time ago are being completed by the VEB special construction bureau in Werdor.

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4. [ ] Comment. The central construction materials procurement bureau at 3 Miller St in Potsdam is assigned to the VEB-ESPR in Potsdam.

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